

**Rule 5.5 [1-300] Unauthorized Practice of Law; Multijurisdictional Practice of Law
(Commission's Proposed Rule Adopted on May 30, 2015 – Clean Version)**

- (a) A lawyer admitted to practice law in California shall not:
 - (1) practice law in a jurisdiction where to do so would be in violation of regulations of the profession in that jurisdiction.
 - (2) knowingly* assist a person* or entity in the unauthorized practice of law.
- (b) A lawyer who is not admitted to practice law in California shall not:
 - (1) except as authorized by these Rules or other law, establish or maintain a resident office or other systematic or continuous presence in California for the practice of law; or
 - (2) hold out to the public or otherwise represent that the lawyer is admitted to practice law in California.

Comment

Paragraph (b)(1) prohibits lawyers from practicing law in California unless otherwise entitled to practice law in this state by court rule or other law. See, e.g., California Business and Professions Code, §§ 6125 et seq. See also California Rules of Court, rules 9.40 (counsel pro hac vice), 9.41 (appearances by military counsel), 9.42 (certified law students), 9.43 (out-of-state attorney arbitration counsel program), 9.44 (registered foreign legal consultant); 9.45 (registered legal services attorneys), 9.46 (registered in-house counsel), 9.47 (attorneys practicing temporarily in California as part of litigation), and 9.48 (non-litigating attorneys temporarily in California to provide legal services).